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**MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
**School Bus Inspection**  
**School Year 2006**

State ☐  
District ☐  
County ☐  
Patrol ☐  
Contractor ☐

This complete form is required in accordance with Section 20-10-101, MCA. All vehicles not approved on first inspection must be reinspected by the Highway Patrol as soon as all defects are corrected.

**Instructions to OPI from School District:**

- ☐ This bus has been sold, retired, or is no longer in service. Please delete it from OPI's records.  
☐ Please make corrections noted below. Don't black out the error, OPI may need to read it to make the correction.

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|--|---|---|---------------------|
| OPI County # and County Name   |   | District Name   |                     |
| Vehicle I.D. # (VIN) - Entire Number   | Model Year  | License #   | Rated Capacity **** |
| Chassis Make   | Body Make   | Bus Type: (see ? for definition)<br><input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D |                     |
| Wheel Chair Lift Equipped?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                       | Wheel Chair Lift Equipped?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Forward Facing <input type="checkbox"/> Aisle Facing <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |   |                     |
| Type of Fuel:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Other | Is Bus: <input type="checkbox"/> District Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor Owned If contractor owned, contractor's name is:                |   |                     |

**INSPECTION**

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HIGHWAY PATROL**

This inspection is for: ☐ 1st semester ☐ 2nd semester

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| Page No.* | Items listed in the Standards for School Buses in Montana | Yes | No | NA ** | Corr | Page No.* | Items listed in the Standards for School Buses in Montana | Yes | No | NA ** | Corr |
|-----------|---|-----|----|-------|------|-----------|---|-----|----|-------|------|
| C17       | Identification - front                                    |     |    |       |      | C34       | Belt cutter **** attached                                 |     |    |       |      |
| C18       | Head lamps  |     |    |       |      | C18       | Interior lamps  |     |    |       |      |
| C10       | Color   |     |    |       |      | C18       | Ceiling - interior  |     |    |       |      |
| C18       | Turn signal lamps - front                                 |     |    |       |      | C21       | Seating   |     |    |       |      |
| C18       | Turn signal lamps - side (post 1987)                      |     |    |       |      | C14       | Floor   |     |    |       |      |
| C18       | Red amber signals - front                                 |     |    |       |      | C9        | Aisle   |     |    |       |      |
| C18       | Marker lamps - front                                      |     |    |       |      | C22       | Tools - storage   |     |    |       |      |
| C18       | Windshield  |     |    |       |      | C24       | Windows   |     |    |       |      |
| C24       | Windshield wipers   |     |    |       |      | C13       | Warning device  |     |    |       |      |
| C20       | Exterior mirrors  |     |    |       |      | C13       | Buzzer emergency door                                     |     |    |       |      |
| C3        | Battery   |     |    |       |      | C12       | Emergency door  |     |    |       |      |
| C4        | Generator or alternator                                   |     |    |       |      | C18       | Red amber signals - rear                                  |     |    |       |      |
| C11       | Service door  |     |    |       |      | C18       | Turn signal lamps - rear                                  |     |    |       |      |
| C6        | Head lamp indicator                                       |     |    |       |      | C18       | Stop lamps  |     |    |       |      |
| C6        | Horn  |     |    |       |      | C18       | Marker lamps - rear                                       |     |    |       |      |
| C20       | Interior mirror   |     |    |       |      | C19       | Strobe light - rear ***                                   |     |    |       |      |
| C6        | Speedometer   |     |    |       |      | C17       | Identification - rear                                     |     |    |       |      |
| C2        | Brakes  |     |    |       |      | C4        | Exhaust system (no leaks)                                 |     |    |       |      |
| C21       | Driver seat belt  |     |    |       |      | C5        | Fuel tank   |     |    |       |      |
| C7        | Steering gear   |     |    |       |      | C7        | Tires (2/32" rear - 4/32" front min.)                     |     |    |       |      |
| C13       | Fire extinguisher (5 lbs)                                 |     |    |       |      |           | Cleanliness   |     |    |       |      |
| C13       | First aid kit   |     |    |       |      | C22       | Stop arm  |     |    |       |      |
| C13       | Body fluids kit   |     |    |       |      | C5        | No trailer hitch  |     |    |       |      |
| C11       | Defroster   |     |    |       |      |           | <b>Required by forest regulation:</b>                     |     |    |       |      |
| C6        | Heaters   |     |    |       |      |           | Shovel (securely fastened)                                |     |    |       |      |
| C20       | Wheelchair forward facing (post 1993)                     |     |    |       |      |           | Axe (securely fastened)                                   |     |    |       |      |

\*Page number reference, Standards for School Buses in Montana (2002 Edition). \*\*\*\*Bus drivers are required to wear lap/shoulder belts - cutter attached nearby driver.

\*\*Does not apply. \*\*\*New buses ordered after 08/15/02. \*\*\*\*\*Based on original capacity listed on the manufacturers certification tag found inside the bus.

**On first inspection, this bus is:**

- ☐ Approved  
☐ Not Approved

Inspecting Patrol Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of District Official

**On reinspection, this bus is:**

- ☐ Approved  
☐ Not Approved

Inspecting Patrol Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date